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In re the application of

Shinya MATSUMOTO et al.

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR RENDERING AN IMAGE SIMULATING  
FLUID MOTION, WITH RECORDING MEDIUM AND PROGRAM THEREFOR

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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The additional information is in the form of a reference, which has been cited in an office action (reconsideration before appeal) in a corresponding patent application pending before the Japanese Patent Office, as a counterpart foreign application to the present application.

A copy of the JPO office action, dated November 15, 2005, is attached, with an English translation of pertinent portions thereof. A copy of the Japanese reference cited in the office action is also attached, with an English language abstract thereof. The fact that the reference was cited in a counterpart foreign application, and the English language translations

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